



2010 DSA SPRING REGATTA HIND/HORNETT MEMORIAL May 15, 2010 Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules & Management:** The race is under management of the DSA Board, which shall have the final authority to establish racing conditions and interpret the racing rules under US Sailing. Any protest that arises should be reported to the race committee within one hour of finishing.
2. **Ratings:** Unless a current DRYA rating certificate is included with the application, PHRF ratings will be based on the opinion of the race committee. Final assignment of ratings is not subject to protest.
3. **Autopilots:** The use of self steering devices is permitted.
4. **Scoring:** Low point in each class.
5. **Press Boats (Guests):** Non-participating guests are permitted. If a skipper wishes to have guests on board during a race he must affix a sign on each side of the yacht bearing the word "PRESS". The guests may not aid the racers in any way, except for serving refreshments. They may perform no function with respect to the movement of the vessel, nor may they be instructed in where to sit or what to do except to keep them out of harm's way. Their weight placement may not be used in such a way as to aid the racers nor may they give advice. **Note:** the purpose of this rule is to permit racers to have others accompany them to observe the race. If the privilege is not abused it can provide an opportunity to introduce others to our races. If we are to continue to enjoy this privilege, it is important that each of us faithfully observe the spirit of the rule.
6. **Awards:** Results and awards will be presented at Crescent Sail Yacht Club following the race completion, depending on wind and weather conditions, at approximately 1700 hours (5PM). Results will be posted on www.SailWith2.org within a few days.
7. **Time Limit:** Six (6) hours for each class (one yacht finishing within the time limit constitutes a race for its class and extends the time limit for its class)
8. **Radio Monitoring:** All yachts are required to monitor VHF channel 72 during the race.
9. **Abandonment of Racing:** Yachts dropping out shall report as soon as possible to the race committee on channel 72. It is the responsibility of each individual skipper to assess known conditions, boat and crew in the determination to abandon or continue race.
10. **Shipping Channel:** No boat shall in any way hinder commercial shipping during this event. Any yacht hindering commercial shipping will be disqualified. If commercial shipping is forced to issue a warning signal (5 or more short blasts) that is evidence that you have hindered commercial shipping and should abandon the race.



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11. **Starting Line:** The starting line will be a line located between an orange flag on or near the CSYC break wall and an orange mark in the water.
12. **Finish Line:** The finishing line will be a line between an orange flag on or near the CSYC break wall and an orange mark in the water. The on shore display will be an orange flag. If the Race Committee is "on station," i.e. recording finish times, a blue flag will be displayed above the orange flag. If the blue flag is not displayed, finishers should record their own finish times.
13. **Race Course:** The course length is approximately 17.5 miles. The marks of the course include the starting line, the finish line, LSSC Mark "M" (white PVC pylon about 4-feet high located at 42° 30.22N, 82° 48.99W), and the Lake St. Clair Light (located at 42° 27.55N, 82° 45.15W). The direction of the course will be indicated by a red or green flag flown in the vicinity of the RC flag. A red flag indicates that all marks are to be left to port (Start -> St. Clair Light -> LSSC Mark "M" -> Finish). A green flag indicates that all marks are to be left to starboard (Start -> LSSC Mark "M" -> St. Clair Light -> Finish).
14. **Shortened Course:** If, before starting, a shortened course is needed, the course will be from CSYC to green channel mark "21" (42° 27.09N, 82° 46.56W), and back to CSYC. Leave mark "21" to starboard. The shortened course will be indicated by the flying of the shortened course flag (code flag S) in the vicinity of the RC flag. An attempt will be made as a courtesy to announce this on the VHF channel 72.
15. **Assumption of Risk:** In consideration of being permitted to enter this regatta and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, all contestants, crew members and guests aboard voluntarily assume all risks associated with participating in the event. It shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper and crew of the yacht to decide whether or not to start, to continue or finish a race. The skipper must assure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how to use it.
16. **Required Equipment:** Every entrant is required to carry all U.S. Coast Guard required equipment.
17. **Personal Safety:** Skipper and crew from the time a yacht starts the race until the yacht finishes MUST wear a USCG approved life vest with whistle attached